

program guidelines:

- The level of incentive is \$3 per AC watt installed, per electric account, per year. Rebate amount cannot exceed \$20,000 or 50% of the project costs whichever is less.
- Project costs include the photovoltaic cells, modules, mounting or tracking structures, wiring, inverters, and utility required interconnection equipment.
- Only CEC certified PV modules and inverters qualify for this program and are subject to approval by RPU. The approved list can be found on the CEC's website, or can be made available from RPU.
- Qualifying systems must reduce load at the meter site.
- Systems cannot be sized over the maximum historical customer usage from the past 24 months.
- Applicant must sign a Net Energy Metering (NEM) Agreement with the City of Riverside Public Utilities prior to final connection to the grid and before any incentive can be paid.
- Applicant must comply with all Planning, Building and Safety, and Electric Plan-Check procedures.
- Contractors must have one of the following licenses:
 - Electrical C10
 - Engineering A
 - Solar Specialty C46



do you know?

Riverside Public Utilities now offers a commercial solar rebate. If you know a business that would be interested, have them contact us at 951-826-5485.

Photovoltaic panels have no moving parts and can provide solar electricity for more than 25 years if kept clean.

Riverside Public Utilities will also provide up to \$250 towards the City of Riverside's Planning and Building & Safety fees per PV installation.

WATER | ENERGY | LIFE



3901 Orange Street • Riverside, CA 92501
RiversidePublicUtilities.com • 951.826.5485



Printed with soy ink on recycled paper

solar power

residential photovoltaic rebate program



RiversidePublicUtilities.com

frequent questions:

What is a solar electric, or photovoltaic, system?

Solar electric or photovoltaic (PV) systems use the sun's energy to make electricity.

Do I have a good site for PV?

Your site must have clear, unobstructed access to the sun. Buildings, trees, or other vegetation should not shade your site. South-facing roof exposure is best, but roofs facing east and west may be okay. If a rooftop is not available, your PV system can also be mounted on the ground.

What is Net Metering (NEM)?

To interconnect your PV system you must sign an NEM. Net Metering allows you to bank any surplus electricity your system generates on the electric grid. For example, excess electricity might be generated during the day when your system produces more electricity than you use. During this time, your meter would simply run backwards to record the amount of electricity your system has banked onto the grid. Later, you can use an equal amount of electricity without incurring a cost.

Riverside Public Utilities does not purchase excess power generated so we encourage you to size your system based on your home's energy needs.

How much does a PV system cost?

An average PV system can cost from \$7 to \$10 per watt, installed, for a 2kW system before rebates or tax credits. This program is available to RPU residential electric customers. If applicant is a tenant or renter, the property owner must sign the application. Application must be submitted within 90 days from the date of purchase.

Are there financing programs available?

The best way to finance a PV system for your home is through a mortgage loan that includes a primary mortgage, second mortgage or home equity loan secured by your property. If mortgage financing is not available, consider other sources such as conventional bank loans. For more information about home Energy Efficiency loans, please visit our website at RiversidePublicUtilities.com.

How can I find a PV vendor?

Vendors are listed in the yellow pages of the phonebook. You can also search online at the California Energy Commission's website at www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov or at www.findsolar.com.

requirements:

- Customers must fulfill all program guidelines to be eligible for incentives. One rebate per year per customer.
- Systems will be inspected before a rebate is issued, and must be interconnected to the electric meter.
- Rebates totaling up to \$500 will automatically be credited to the customers account.
- RPU reserves the right to determine program eligibility.
- RPU does not endorse or recommend specific products or dealers nor does it guarantee material or workmanship; acceptance of such is the customer's responsibility.
- A copy of the dated sales receipt must be provided, and is subject to verification. The receipt must note the contractor name, address, manufacturers name, PV and inverter model numbers, system size and purchase price.
- Home energy audit must be submitted to Utility.
- Financed systems must have a signed contract and proof of payments.

- Incentive will be paid to the electric customer of record only. An exception will be made if the tenant or renter provides proof of purchase.
- If it is determined through inspection that the customer is not in compliance with the requirements of the program, RPU may recover the total amount paid to customer for non-compliance.
- Customers participating in this program may be asked to complete a telephone/mail in survey that is used as a benchmark for energy savings attributed to the program.
- This program is available to RPU residential electric customers. If applicant is a tenant or renter, the property owner must sign the application.
- Application must be submitted within 90 days from the date of purchase.
- Incentive funds are on a first-come, first-served basis.
- RPU reserves the right to modify or discontinue this program without prior notice at its discretion.

PHOTOVOLTAIC REBATE APPLICATION

For timely processing of your rebate please ensure that requested information in all fields is complete and accurate. Missing, illegible, or inaccurate information will cause delays in processing.



Name of Customer on Utility Account		Customer Account Number
Service Address	Zip	Telephone Number
Mailing Address (if different)	Zip	Purchase Date

Please include copies of dated sales receipts, NEM and system information based on PTC*.

Failure to provide complete information may result in processing delays.

***Power Rating = PTC X Inverter Efficiency • PTC = Primary Test Conditions**

Rebates are calculated on AC Watts installed

I certify that I am the owner(s) or tenant(s) of the real property where the improvements have been installed and that I have not previously received, or applied for, other utility financing or incentives for the improvements on this application. I also certify that the foregoing information is true and correct. I understand and agree that the choice of improvements, the selection of contractors, the purchase of items and acceptance of materials used and work performed and the payments thereof is my responsibility. I understand that Riverside Public Utilities does not endorse, recommend or make any representations as to specific brands, products, contractors or dealers; nor does it guarantee material or workmanship. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Riverside, its officers, employees, and agents from any damages related to the use or installation of PV related equipment.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____ Print Name _____

*If Tenant/Renter, property owner must sign application

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY					
JL Key	6020109080	Object	45604100	Rebate Amount	
Certification of Delivery		Approved for Payment		Approved for Payment	
Signature	Date	Department Head	Date	Finance Department	Date